

**Volunteers Needed**  

**IGNITE Van Wert 2023**  
 July 27-29

A JOB FOR **EVERY** SKILL LEVEL!

SIGN UP AT  
**communityrelief.net**

choose Ignite Sign Up then fill out the volunteer form



**Stockholder Annual Meeting**

Sunday, July 23, 2023  
 2pm-4pm

**Krout Memorial @ First UM Church**

*It's not too late to purchase your YOUTH STOCK!  
 See Teresa or Sierra*

Desserts - Drinks  
 Youth Presentations from Dominican Republic Trip and Youth Events

**You don't want to miss it!**

**OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

**2023 High School EVENT**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 – 12-7pm

Event will be held at the Goedde building.  
**Pre-registration is required.**  
 Students are encouraged to enter the building as soon as they get off the bus.

REGISTER AT: [www.vanwertfirst.net](http://www.vanwertfirst.net)

**2012 Group**

Proverbs 20:12 – The hearing ear and the seeing eye – ADONAI made them both

**Bible Study / Sunday School class after service in the church library**

**Next class - July 23, 2023**

*All you need is your favorite translation of the Bible*

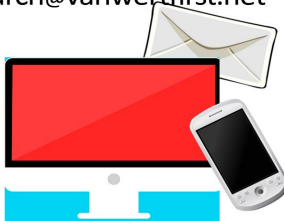
*Come join us as we learn and grow together*

**Contact Jeremy Laukhuf at [laukhufj@gmail.com](mailto:laukhufj@gmail.com)**

Contact us with any changes so we can update your records!  
**EMAIL US AT:** [firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net)

SEE JODY FOR UPDATES TO:

- ADDRESSES
- PHONE NUMBERS
- MARITAL STATUS
- BIRTHS, ETC.



**OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

**Volunteers to pack school supplies are needed!**

*We Need Your Help!*

6-9pm EVENING SHIFTS  
 Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

Contact **Paula LaRue** to sign up today!  
**419/203-0986**

*Faith & Works, Works & Faith, fit together hand and glove.*

**FIRST CHURCH**

**OFFICE hours**

MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30-1:30  
 FRIDAY 8:30-12:00

**OPERATION BACK-TO-SCHOOL**

Volunteers for our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Back to School event to be held July 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm are being asked for their help!

**WE NEED YOU!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FROM 1-6pm ON DAY OF EVENT.**

Contact Paula LaRue or Teresa Shaffer.

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**What an awesome way to give back to the community where you live!**

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

**May 28 - September 3**

**ONE SERVICE @ 9:30AM**

**FIRST**united  
 methodist **CHURCH**

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SERIES:  
**Whale of a Fight...**

July 16, 2023 9:30am  
 Pastor Christian Taylor

Our Vision Statement:  
**Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus**

**Thanks for joining us today!** If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

# 9:30 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16, 2023

"If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself."  
2 Timothy 2:13

*\*indicates please stand if you are able  
Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

**Prelude:** "Cortège et Litanie" (Prayer) by M. Dupre Gloria Wendel

**Welcome:** Matt Proctor

**\*Call to Worship:** Matt Proctor

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

**People: For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**People: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

**People: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**People: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

**\*Hymn:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #213

**\*Opening Prayer:** Matt Proctor

**Heavenly Father, we are often overconfident in our decisions and plans. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us trust you and not lean on our understanding. You are the author of life and death, depth and height, light and darkness. Bring us from the pit of our sin and cowardice, and give us strength to live the new life You offer us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* #365

**Chat with the Children:** Chris Gordon  
*Children dismissed to AWE (Preschool thru 5th Grade)*

**Life in the Church I:** Matt Proctor

**\*Scripture:** Jonah 1:4-16 Pastor Christian Taylor

**Series:** A Whale of a Fight  
**Message:** "Life or Death" Pastor Christian Taylor

**Hymn:** *Children of the Heavenly Father* #141

**Prayers of the People:** Pastor Christian Taylor  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Life in the Church II:** Pastor Christian Taylor

**\*Spoken Benediction:** Pastor Christian Taylor

**Postlude:** "Sine Nomine" (For All the Saints and When the Saints Go Marching In) by J. Weaver

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.*



**FREE ACCESS**  
rightnow MEDIA  
Contact the office to sign up **TODAY!**  
firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net  
or 419/238-0631



**SELECT PEWS WILL BE BLOCKED OFF FROM WEEK TO WEEK FOR MAINTENANCE**  
Please use pews **without** white ropes and/or fans.  
Thank you!

## Leaders in Today's Worship

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor  
**Announcer:** Matt Proctor  
**Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn  
**Usher/Greeter Coordinator:** Dave Lichtle, Neil Shaffer  
**Organist:** Gloria Wendel  
**Projectionist:** Jill Smelser  
**Sound Technician:** Kent Smelser  
**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

## KID'S MINISTRY SUMMER AWE

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship time. AWE will not meet Communion Sundays which is the first Sunday of the month. Please sign in before service with KidCheck located by the nursery or the Scheidt room.

**Tithe/Offering** may be made by dropping it in one of the wooden boxes around the sanctuary, using our online giving option found on our website at vanwertfirst.net, texting 419.963.3557 or mailing it to First UMC, 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891. Thank you for your support to First UMC and her ministries.